

**IN THE UNITED STATES BANKRUPTCY COURT
FOR THE SOUTHERN DISTRICT OF TEXAS
HOUSTON DIVISION**

In re:	§	
	§	Chapter 11
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FIELDWOOD ENERGY LLC, et al.,	§	Case No. 20-33948 (MI)
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	§	(Jointly Administered)
Debtors.¹	§	
	§	Re: Docket No. 413

**DECLARATION AND DISCLOSURE STATEMENT OF DEAN C. RIETZ,
ON BEHALF OF RYDER SCOTT COMPANY, L.P.**

I, Dean C. Rietz, hereby declare, pursuant to section 1746 of title 28 of the United States Code:

1. I am a **Chairman and CEO** of **Ryder Scott Company, L.P.** located at **1100 Louisiana Street, Suite 4600, Houston, TX 77002** (the “**Firm**”).

2. Fieldwood Energy LLC and its debtor affiliates, as debtors and debtors in possession (collectively, the “**Debtors**”), have requested that the Firm provide **year end reserves studies, mid-year and/or off cycle evaluation** services to the Debtors, and the Firm has consented to provide such services (the “**Services**”).

3. The Firm may have performed services in the past and may perform services in the future, in matters unrelated to these chapter 11 cases, for persons that are parties in interest in the Debtors’ chapter 11 cases. As part of its customary practice, the Firm is retained in cases, proceedings, and transactions involving many different parties, some of whom may represent or

¹ The Debtors in these chapter 11 cases, along with the last four digits of each Debtor’s federal tax identification number, as applicable, are: Dynamic Offshore Resources NS, LLC (0158); Fieldwood Energy LLC (6778); Fieldwood Energy Inc. (4991); Fieldwood Energy Offshore LLC (4494); Fieldwood Onshore LLC (3489); Fieldwood SD Offshore LLC (8786); Fieldwood Offshore LLC (2930); FW GOM Pipeline, Inc. (8440); GOM Shelf LLC (8107); Bandon Oil and Gas GP, LLC (9172); Bandon Oil and Gas, LP (9266); Fieldwood Energy SP LLC (1971); Galveston Bay Pipeline LLC (5703); and Galveston Bay Processing LLC (0422). The Debtors’ primary mailing address is 2000 W. Sam Houston Parkway S., Suite 1200, Houston, TX 77042.

be claimants or employees of the Debtors, or other parties-in-interest in these chapter 11 cases. The Firm does not perform services for any such person in connection with these chapter 11 cases. In addition, the Firm does not have any relationship with any such person, their attorneys, or accountants that would be adverse to the Debtors or their estates with respect to the matters on which the Firm is to be retained.

4. Neither I, nor any principal of, or professional employed by the Firm has agreed to share or will share any portion of the compensation to be received from the Debtors with any other person other than the principals and regular employees of the Firm.

5. Neither I, nor any principal of, or professional employed by the Firm, insofar as I have been able to ascertain, holds or represents any interest adverse to the Debtors or their estates, with respect to the matters on which the Firm is to be retained.

6. The Debtors owe the Firm **\$12,490** for prepetition services.

7. As of August 3, 2020, the date on which the Debtors commenced the above captioned chapter 11 cases, the Firm **was** a party to an agreement with the Debtors that provides for the indemnification by the Debtors of the Firm in connection with the Services.

8. Such agreement for indemnification (the “**OCP Agreement**”) is subject to the following modifications, application during the pendency of the Debtors’ chapter 11 cases:

- (i) The Firm shall not be entitled to indemnification, contribution, or reimbursement pursuant to the OCP Agreement for services other than the services provided under the OCP Agreement, unless such services and the indemnification, contribution, or reimbursement are approved by the Court.
- (ii) Notwithstanding anything to the contrary in the OCP Agreement, the Debtors shall have no obligation to indemnify the Firm, or provide contribution or reimbursement to the Firm, for any claim or expense that is either: (a) judicially determined (the determination having become final) to have arisen from the Firm’s gross negligence, willful misconduct, fraud, self-dealing (if found to be applicable), bad faith, or breach of fiduciary duty (if any); (b) for a contractual dispute in which the Debtors allege the breach of the Firm’s contractual obligations if the Court determines that indemnification, contribution, or reimbursement would not be

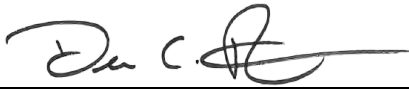
permissible under applicable law; (c) of any type for which the Court determines that indemnification, contribution, or reimbursement would not be permissible pursuant to *In re Thermadyne Holdings Corp.*, 283 B.R. 749, 756 (B.A.P. 8th Cir. 2002); or (d) settled prior to a judicial determination under (a) or (b), but determined by the Court, after notice and a hearing, to be a claim or expense for which the Firm should not receive indemnity, contribution, or reimbursement under the terms of the OCP Agreement as modified by the Court.

- (iii) If, before the earlier of (a) the entry of an order confirming a chapter 11 plan in these cases (that order having become a final order no longer subject to appeal), or (b) the entry of an order closing these chapter 11 cases, the Firm believes that it is entitled to the payment of any amounts by the Debtors on account of the Debtors' indemnification, contribution and/or reimbursement obligations under the OCP Agreement (as modified pursuant to this Declaration), including the advancement of defense costs, the Firm must file an application therefor in this Court, and the Debtors may not pay any such amounts to the Firm before the entry of an order by the Court approving the payment. All parties in interest shall retain the right to object to any demand by the Firm for indemnification, contribution, or reimbursement. In the event that the Firm seeks reimbursement from the Debtors for attorneys' fees and expenses in connection with the payment of an indemnity claim pursuant to the OCP Agreement, the invoices and supporting time records for the attorneys' fees and expenses shall be included in the Firm's own applications, both interim and final, but determined by the Court after notice and a hearing.

9. The Firm is conducting further inquiries regarding its retention by any creditors of the Debtors, and upon conclusion of that inquiry, or at any time during the period of its employment, if the Firm should discover any facts bearing on the matters described herein, the Firm will supplement the information contained in this Declaration.

I declare under penalty of perjury that the foregoing is true and correct.

Executed on: October 23, 2020

By: 

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